

List of Continuing Education Opportunities...

(**CC**=Cultural Competency Training; **AR**=Anti-Racism; **BT**=Boundary Training;
ABT=Advanced Boundary Training)

(**ALL Authorized Ministers, please note:** We will be identifying these kinds of continuing education opportunities – The policy was effective starting January 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Penn Northeast Conference Office at 610-826-3113. Thank You!)

2022

- The PATHWAYS Theological Education -- PATHWAYS Website Addresses:

Website: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/>

Course Calendar: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/calendar/>

Our Stories: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/our-stories/>

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Online Boundary Training: To date, we have trained over 450 clergy and worked with 15 regions to offer online boundary training at an affordable price and on a convenient platform. Our course includes boundary training regarding pastoral relationships, finances, self-care, children and youth, and social media. **If your conference/region is interested in offering this to your clergy at a discounted price, please reach out to Gregg Carlson at [gregg@convergenceus.org](mailto:gregg@convergenceus.org).**

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[Click Here for Webinars](#)

Development; chhsmpublic@chhsm.org

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## **Advanced Boundary and Diversity Training Events Being offered by Pennsylvania Southeast Conference**

Below are numerous opportunities to bring your standing current. Two of these opportunities – one for advanced boundary and one for diversity – allow you, if the scheduled time does not work for you, to view the video after the event and submit a paper to receive credit.

### **Advanced Boundary Training:**

- Wednesday, Oct. 19, 9:00a: **Advanced Boundary Training** "Power and the Office of the Pastor" on Zoom. Facilitated by Rev. Nora Faust.
- Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9:00a: **Advanced Boundary Training** "Pastoral Self Care" at Church of the Good Shepherd in Boyertown. Facilitated by Rev. Wanda Craner.

### **Diversity Training:**

- Thursday, Oct. 13, 9:00a: **Diversity Training**. Facilitated by PSEC staff. (allows for self-viewing)

Fall 2022: Recovering Racists Book Study. Facilitated by PSEC Racial Justice Initiative. Two sessions: Tuesday afternoon option and Tuesday evening option. Registration coming soon.

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October 11

Facilitating Healthy Pastor–Congregation Relations... 8:30am-4:30pm Central Time – Held online via Zoom - For details consult this - [FHPCR Brochure](#) (Lombard Mennonite Peace Center)

- October 11-Nov. 15 **Church Finances** – Six Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30PM - **Dr. Lovett Weems** will help you gain knowledge and confidence in budgeting that is grounded in the church mission, financial reporting, and new options for founding ministry. Ideal for those who want to sharpen their financial skills and for those just getting to know their way around a spreadsheet. For clergy/pastors and lay leaders \$125 for the series of six classes – 2.5 CEUs – [Click Here to Register](#)
- October 12 **Ministry Day 2022** – for all authorized ministers and MID's – 8:30AM to 3PM at Jordan UCC, 1837 Church Rd., Allentown – also being offered virtually – “Engaging Congregations: Hybrid Worship & Digital Ministry” – [Click Here](#) for Flyer and Registration
- October 13 (AR) **Breakfast Conversation with On Juneteenth author Annette Gordon-Reed**
 Dear Colleagues:
 I am writing on behalf of myself and faculty colleague Dr. Teresa Grettano, director of the First Year Seminar, to invite you to a breakfast conversation on Thursday, October 13, 8:30-9:30am, at [Chef von & Mom](#) restaurant at 501 Linden Street, with Pulitzer Prize winner Annette Gordon-Reed, the Carl M. Loeb University Professor at Harvard University and author of [On Juneteenth](#). The book is the University of Scranton's first year read and Dr. Gordon-Reed is the speaker for the Ignatian Values in Action annual lecture on Oct. 12 (see attached flyer). Her full bio is available [online](#).
 This conversation will provide an opportunity for university-community discussion about the book, including reflection on themes and topics it raises about the Texas and American story that resonate with the [Scranton's Story, Our Nation's Story](#) project's efforts to bring to the fore underrepresented stories in Scranton, including Black, Indigenous and recent immigrant and refugee histories and experiences. Dr. Gordon-Reed will engage in conversation and Q&A.
- I encourage all participants to read [On Juneteenth](#) prior to the discussion; it is available in the Scranton Public Library downtown and the University of Scranton library and bookstore. You can also listen [here](#) to an NPR interview Dr. Gordon-Reed did with Terry Gross, “‘On Juneteenth’ Historian Examines the ‘Hope’ and ‘Hostility’ Toward Emancipation.”
- Please RSVP to Carolyn.bonacci@scranton.edu by Oct. 11. Space is limited (if you would like to suggest additional invitees please email me).
- October 17 **[Retired Clergy Boundary Training with Revs. Tara Barber, Stephen Boyd, and Rev. Melanie Oommen](#) - 6 to 9PM** - Maintaining healthy boundaries is challenging at any stage in ministry and it is particularly tender and difficult attending to boundaries as we transition out of our last call, and while in retirement. Using "A Sure Foundation," "The Ministerial Code" and Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperley's new book, "The Jubilee Years," Rev. Stephen Boyd, Rev. Tara Barber, and Rev. Melanie Oommen will offer a focused Boundary Awareness Training for those entering and living in retirement. Note - This training completes individual requirements for boundary training ONLY WHEN authorized by a local Committee on Ministry.
- October 17-19
 February 6-8, 2023
 April 17-19, 2023 **Advanced Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process** – First day of each session will be largely didactic. It meets three times a year. The afternoon of the 2nd and 3rd days will be in clinical format. [Click Here for brochure & registration](#).
- Oct. 17-Dec. 11 **Overview of the Bible** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth- This course is an introduction to the content of the Bible and the methods of study that scholars use to understand it. Students will learn about the history of the periods in which various biblical books were written, and about how the individual writings came together into a single book. They will attempt to discover what the biblical writers were seeking to accomplish through their writings. This search will present students with understandings of the world and the place of humanity that can help illuminate alternative ways humans have experienced the world and attempted to make sense of it. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register](#). Register by October 3
- Oct. 17-Dec. 11 **Ecumenism** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan Jr. - Ecumenism involves making the unity of the whole church visible to the world. We explore ecumenism biblically, theologically, historically in light of the Disciples witness to Christian unity, our polar star. We conclude with a focus on local Ecumenism. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register](#). Register by October 3

- Oct. 17- Dec. 11 **World Religions** - Instructor: Rev. Clement Graham - This course is a survey of the major world religions, with a focus on history of development, primary beliefs and practices, and cultural characteristics. Religions surveyed: Native American, African, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Baha'i. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Register by October 3
- Oct. 17-Dec. 11 **Evangelism** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian - Explore the tools and training to articulate a theology of evangelism and to exegete the community and congregational culture in order to design and lead evangelism efforts. Evangelism in the North American context has "lost its luster" in many respects. Because faith is considered a "private" matter, many in our churches and parishioners have fore sworn to simply let it be ... no faith-sharing for them. And yet, this stands in complete contrast to Jesus' great commission to go and make disciples of all nations (people groups). The Evangelism course is not simply an online study about evangelism. Rather, it is an eight-week training course that will give you the tools to evaluate and articulate your own theology of evangelism and to exegete both your community's and your congregation's culture in order to design and lead effective evangelism efforts. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Register by Oct. 3
- Oct. 17-Dec. 11 **Disciples History and Polity** - Instructor: Rev. Jeff Gill - An exploration and analysis of the history, polity and characteristic beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The course will include the origins, development, growth and current status of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its related groups around the world; discussions of the characteristic beliefs and practices which make the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) a unique part of the universal church while celebrating the Disciples' ecumenical pilgrimage; and an awareness of how the polity of the Disciples of Christ works. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Register by Oct. 3
- October 19 **(BT)** The Advanced Boundary Training "*Power and the Office of Pastor*" which was scheduled for September 14th has been **re-scheduled for October 19th**. To register for "*Power and the Office of Pastor*" [click here](#).
- October 19 **Digital Ministry Master Class: Creating Podcasts as a Community Practice** - Each week more people in America listen to podcasts than go to church. What if, instead of begging them to come to us, we went to them? Join Rev. Jim Keat, the Digital Minister at The Riverside Church, for a five week Digital Ministry Master Class all about creating podcasts as a community practice. In this master class you will learn why your church or ministry should consider an audio content strategy and the tips, tricks, and best practices necessary to bring your idea to life. But most importantly, you will learn how creating a podcast can be a community practice, something that creates a network of collaborators rather than individual content for isolated listeners. [Pre-Register Now](#).
- October 21 **Adult Mental Health First Aid Course** – led by Dr. Emily Hall – 9AM to 3PM – Jordan UCC, 1837 Church Rd., Allentown – [click here to read more](#).
- October 22 **UCC WISE Conference on Mental Health** – 9AM – Jordan UCC, 1837 Church Rd., Allentown – Register by October 7 - \$30 student rate; \$50 regular rate – [Click Here for Flyer and how to register](#)
- October 24-26
& Feb. 13, 15, 2022
& April 24-26, 2023 **Clergy Clinic (Group A)** - registration is now open for our *Clergy Clinic 2022-2023*, both Group A and Group B - Online registration is available at <https://lmpeacecenter.org/all-events/>. We invite you to dig deeper into those "mediation skills" concepts and strategies that you learned in *MSTI* and join us for this outstanding training event! We hope you will clear your calendars now for either **Group A (Oct. 24-26, 2022; Feb. 13-15, 2023; and April 24-26, 2-23)** OR Group B (Nov. 7-9, 2022; Feb. 27-March 1, 2023; and May 15-17, 2023).
- October 26 **Planned Giving to Support Mission and Ministry** - While a significant wealth transfer occurs (and will occur) in our country as our eldest generation passes, many congregations and ministries remain unprepared to promote planned giving options among their members. Only 5% of people leave a charitable bequest even though nearly a third of people would if asked or invited to consider one. Through this webinar, you will learn key concepts and create an actionable plan for your congregation or ministry. Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://UCC.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrd-mtrTkjGdTyd66hqstJeCd2pc-P5ul5>

- November 2 **(BT)** **Pastoral Self-Care - PSEC Advanced Boundary Training events** – Registration is now open for the 2022 Advanced Boundary Trainings from PSEC. Each training provides three credit hours of Boundary Training. [Click Here](#) to Register.
- November 5 **PNEC Fall Conference Meeting (2022)** – In person or Virtual – 8:30AM to 3:30PM – Forks UCC, 4500 Sullivan Trail, Stockertown – Topic: “Engaging with the Nones and Dones” – [click here](#) for Registration Form with Details
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- November 14-18 **Intentional Interim Ministry Training** - virtual classroom experience followed by individual fieldwork. The fieldwork entails completing a project related to one of the focus points covered in class, and participating in a series of teleconferences. This 5-day course focuses on the work of the leader and the work of the congregation. It is designed for those individuals who have already discerned God’s call to interim ministry. Interim Ministry Training focuses on the work of the interim minister as s/he leads a congregation through the time of transition, as well as on the work of the congregation during this journey. [Click Here to Register for November 14-18](#)
- November 14-18 **Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders** - If you prefer the camaraderie and interaction of in-person events, then one of these sessions is for you! Discover for yourself why *MSTI* has been described as “The best and most thorough model for mediation with individuals and congregations that I have experienced in more than three decades of ordained ministry.”
- December 3 **Leading Worship for Lay Leaders** – 9AM to Noon via Zoom – Free – [Click Here for Flyer & Registration Information](#)
- 2023**
- January 9 – March 5 **Pastoral Care - Instructor: Rev. Charla Gwartney**; Pastors provide care in every ministry setting: leading worship and preaching, one-to-one conversations, hospital rooms, hallway visits, even on their social media pages. This course will offer a theological lens through which to view care offered in these settings and in support of many life situations. At the end of the course, students can expect to have a deeper understanding of what parishioners receive from care that is uniquely “pastoral.” In addition, students can expect methods of self-reflection that encourage healthy boundaries, realistic expectations, and deeper spiritual formation in their role as pastor. Finally, students can expect a brief overview of topics relevant to pastoral care (i.e., mental health and fitness, addiction, grief, sexuality, family dynamics, etc.) The online course is from January 9-March 5, 2023. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline to Register is December 26, 2022**
- January 9 - March 5 **Proclamation of the Word** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittan; The course provides a foundational understanding of the nature and purpose of preaching, (from the standpoint of both theology and communication theory) and aims at developing a working understanding of the fundamentals of effective sermon preparation and delivery by guiding participants step-by-step through the actual creation and delivery of a course sermon. Students will be exposed to a variety of sermon preparation paradigms. The online course is from January 9-March 5, 2023. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline to Register is December 26, 2022**
- January 9 – March 5 **UCC History and Polity** - Instructor: Rev. Margot Pickett; This course will explore the history, theologies, polity, practices and ethos of the United Church of Christ in order to provide an understanding of its structure, ministries, and mission commitments. The course will include an exploration of denominational identity, hidden histories within the denomination, emerging trends within the UCC, and more. The online course is from January 9-March 5, 2023. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline to Register is December 26, 2022**

January 9 – March 5 **Church Administration and Planning** - Instructor: Rev. John Bracke - Sound administrative practice is essential for faithful and effective ministry. Initially this course will consider the theological significance of administration and the relationship of administration and pastoral leadership. The course will then consider several areas of church administration with which pastors are frequently involved. Done well, administration enhances the ministries and mission of churches. This course will frequently use case studies to help students practice and sharpen administrative skills. The online course is from January 9-March 5, 2023. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline to Register is December 26, 2022**

Others...

- Communities of Practice** – participation qualifies for ½ of the continuing education requirements
- Crossroads Lay Leadership Program at Moravian Sem.** – <https://www.moravianseminary.edu/academics/crossroads>
- Moravian Seminary** – 610-861-1512 - - <http://moravianseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education>
This site gets a person directly to continuing education programs. The calendar is on the same page.
- Center for Family Process** – www.centerforfamilyprocess.com
- Lehigh Conference of Churches** – <https://lehighchurches.org>
- Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies** – <https://icjs.org/> - usually (CC) qualified